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AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Withdrawn) A method for defraying the cost of a collection or storage service for a divisible medical material comprising dividing said material into at least two portions, selling or donating a first portion of said material and using the proceeds from said sale or tax credits from said donation to defray the cost of collecting the material or storing a second portion of said material.
- 2. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising recovering said material from a donor.
- 3. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising concentrating said material.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 3, wherein said concentrating occurs prior to said dividing.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising diluting said material.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 5, wherein said diluting occurs prior to said dividing.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising purifying said material.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 7, wherein said purifying occurs prior to said dividing.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising amplifying said material.

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- 10. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 9, wherein said amplifying occurs prior to said dividing.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method for defraying the cost of a storage service for umbilical cord blood stem cells comprising dividing said umbilical cord blood into at least two portions <u>each portion containing stem cells</u>, selling or donating a first portion of said umbilical cord blood and using the proceeds from said sale or tax credits from said donation to defray the costs of storing a second portion of said umbilical cord blood.
- 12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising recovering said umbilical cord blood from a donor.
- 13. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising concentrating said umbilical cord blood.
- 14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein said concentrating occurs prior to said dividing.
- 15. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising diluting said umbilical cord blood.
- 16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein said diluting occurs prior to said dividing.
- 17. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising purifying said umbilical cord blood.
- 18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein said purifying occurs prior to said dividing.
- 19. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising amplifying said umbilical cord blood.
- 20. (Original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said amplifying occurs prior to said dividing.

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- 21. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising stabilizing said umbilical cord blood.
- 22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein said stabilizing occurs prior to said dividing.